Using Technology to Enhance Vocabulary

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Engagement involves using activities designed to help capture students attention.

"The use of engagement activities by teachers in the action research studies was associated with a gain in student academic achievement of 21 percentile points over what was expected when teachers did not use engagement activities."

Digital Tools for Differentiating Vocabulary Instruction

K12 Online Conference

Susan Oxnevad--November, 2012

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Visual Displays and Word Clouds

A word cloud is a graphical representation of word frequency. Type or paste text into the box below and press the arrow button to view the word cloud generated.

ABCya kids Word save print Clouds

Tagxedo

Wordle™

WordSift

padlet

Keynote slides

Camouflage: To hide by disguise

This Woodcock bird is nesting. Her brown and white feathers are camouflage.

- **Personal association:** I love to bird watch. Many birds are able to blend into their surroundings so that you don't see them until they move.
- **Importance: Camouflage** is an important survival technique. Prey can hide from their predators. It's also a hunting technique.
- **Source:** US Fish & Wildlife Service, National Digital Library. R. Baetson is the photographer.

Create a Photo Caption

Caption it! target word: contribute

Marcy's caption:

Kate: Look at the birds, They look like they need a place to nest!!!!!!!!!

Bob: Maybe I will build them a bird house.....Oh look there is Joe!!!!!!!!!

Joe: what are you doing??????????????????

Kate: building a bird house....Do you want to help?????????????????????

Bob: we can all **contribute**!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Lamar's caption: the children in the picture are **contributing** their skills and working together to build a bird house

Digital Vocabulary Field Trip or Online Vocabulary Games

Use Media to Express vocabulary

iMovie

Keynote

Blogs

Digital Stories

Podcast

PhotoBooth

Prezi

Read Online Text

- School Librarians
- City Library
- Content Requisitions

EPIC!

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

ScienceNews for kids

TIME FOR KIDS

Other Ideas

Academic Vocabulary

Pinterest Board

Common Core:Academic Vocabulary

A tool in which students work collaboratively to construct knowledge about vocabulary by creating vocabulary cards.

Example activity: Students work in groups of three. Each student within the group has a job to do.

- **Video**: Find and insert a video to illustrate the term using the handy feature that lets users preview and insert YouTube videos without leaving the presentation.
- **Images**: Find a copyright-friendly image or use the drawing tools available to draw directly on the slide to create a visual representation of the term.
- **Definitions**: Choose from a variety of dictionary tools to find a definition, then work with the others in your group to write a definition in your own words.

Creative commons Vocabulary Card Template

Why Again?

Vocabulary is the best single indicator of intellectual ability and an accurate predictor of success at school.

-- W.B. Elley

Because each new word has to be studied and learned on its own, the larger your vocabulary becomes, the easier it will be to connect a new word with words you already know, and thus remember its meaning. So your learning speed, or pace, should increase as your vocabulary grows.

-- Johnson O'Connor

We think with words, therefore to improve thinking, teach vocabulary.

-- A. Draper and G. Moeller